

After the applicator 650 has been positioned and has been inserted into an appropriate anatomic area to abut one of the tissues being approximated, the trigger 662 may be pulled to deploy an individual soft tissue fixation device. The next fixation device may automatically be brought into position for the subsequent firing. When the final fixation device has been placed, in one embodiment, the trigger 662 may no longer be capable of movement.--

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In the claims:

Please amend claims 16, 19, 21, 26, 33, and 39 as follows:

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16. (AMENDED) The system of claim 15, wherein the substance is selected from the group consisting of collagen, growth factor and adhesion ligand.

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19. (AMENDED) The system of claim 1, wherein the soft tissue fixation device is formed at least in part from a bioabsorbable material.

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21. (AMENDED) The system of claim 1, further comprising a remover to extricate the soft tissue fixation device from said at least two anatomic structures.

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26. (AMENDED) The method of claim 25, further comprising providing a remover for atraumatically removing the soft tissue fixation device from the at least two anatomic structures,

examining a position of the soft tissue fixation device within the first and the second anatomic structure to determine whether said soft tissue fixation device is malpositioned, and

employing the remover to remove the soft tissue fixation device that is malpositioned.